

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 388

By Raper

A RESOLUTION to commend the Cleveland High School girls' wrestling team, TSSAA Division I, Class AA wrestling state champions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Cleveland High School girls' wrestling team, whose members have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by claiming the state title in wrestling, winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class AA Wrestling State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the girls' wrestling team was founded only two years ago, and this year's victory is the second consecutive state championship for the Lady Raiders; and

WHEREAS, the culminating state championship win comes after an undefeated season (11-0) in dual play; the Lady Raiders left the tournament with an impressive accumulation of 134 team points; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Raiders wrestling team's championship win was not only impressive but historic: as the Blue Raiders boys' wrestling team won the state title in both dual and traditional categories, as well, Cleveland High School became the first in the country to win both girls and boys state championships in the same year; and

WHEREAS, fifty years after the advent of the Title IX law which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities, women's wrestling is one of the fastest

growing sports in the nation, and the Lady Raiders continue to pave the way with their passion for the sport; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cleveland High School girls' wrestling team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Cleveland High School girls' wrestling team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Cleveland High School girls' wrestling team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class AA Wrestling State Championship in dual and traditional categories and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.